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Burglary Prevention

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More than 6 million residential burglaries occur every year in the United States. That's one burglary every ten seconds. Nearly half of burglaries are committed without force. In 2004, there were 248 residential burglaries and 653 burglaries from vehicles in District 3. Seventy-two percent (179) of the residential burglaries were unforced and 40% (264) of the burglaries from vehicles were unforced. That means the thieves gained entry through an open/unlocked door or window. The statistics clearly indicate citizens need to close and lock their doors, windows, and garages.

To minimize your risk of becoming a victim of a burglary I have listed several security tips to consider at your home, apartment, or business.

The best way to prevent burglary is to make your residence or business an unattractive target to a potential burglar. Take a walk around your residence at night and look at it from a burglar's point of view. Pay close attention to any dark areas where a burglar might be able to hide to avoid detection. Properly lighting your residence is one of the most important steps you can take to discourage burglars. Burglars like to work under the cover of darkness and in shadows.

Make sure to trim or cut away trees, shrubbery or plants from any window or other place of entry that would provide a burglar with an area or place of concealment in his/her

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MESSAGE FROM COMMANDER DUGGAN



October 22nd is G.A.I.N. (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods) Night in Scottsdale. G.A.I.N. is the Arizona version of National Night Out. The event, which will run from 5 to 9 p.m., is designed to empower Scottsdale communities to prevent crime and to help create safer neighborhoods through community partnerships and participation.

Crime prevention is everyone's responsibility. Help us achieve our goal of reducing opportunities for crime by increasing crime prevention awareness. Neighborhood Watch helps people protect themselves and their property by fostering a community spirit. Who better to know when something in your neighborhood is unusual or not right than the people who live and work there?

For more information about Neighborhood Watch or if you would like a representative from District 3 to visit your G.A.I.N. Night celebration, please contact Officer Jason Glenn at jglenn@scottsdaleaz.gov or by calling (480) 312-8802.

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Traffic Safety Zone

District 3 personnel will provide increased traffic enforcement in the area of Scottsdale Road and Thunderbird Road during the month of October. This intersection has the highest traffic volume and is one of the highest traffic collision locations in the District. Please drive carefully.



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attempt to gain entry. Natural surveillance is accomplished with a combination of adequate exterior lighting and well-maintained landscaping. Natural surveillance allows the passerby, whether it is a mail carrier, the police, or a neighbor to look at your property and clearly see your front door, windows, garage, and rear access. Clearly display your house number so police and other emergency vehicles can locate your residence quickly and with ease.

Quick Tips

- Make sure every external door has a sturdy, well-installed deadbolt lock. Key-in-the-knob locks alone are not sufficient.
- Secure sliding glass doors with a "Charlie-bar" or dowel in the inside track to provide additional security.
- When you move into a new house or apartment re-key the locks.
- Instead of hiding keys around the outside of your home, give an extra key to a trusted neighbor or relative.
- Consider an alarm system for your residence and vehicle.
- Remove valuable property from your car whenever possible.
- Make a list of the serial numbers and descriptions of your valuable possessions (electronic products, firearms, jewelry, etc.).

Neighborhood Watch

One of the most important aspects of crime prevention in your neighborhood is getting to know your neighbors. Unfortunately, police officers cannot be everywhere at any given time. Nationally there is one police officer for every two thousand citizens. Therefore, we depend on you to be our eyes and ears in your community. The Neighborhood Watch program is a partnership with your neighbors and the police department designed to reduce crimes and improve the quality of life within your community.

For more information on creating a Neighborhood Watch program in your community contact Carrie Abts (480) 312-2342 or cabts@scottsdaleaz.gov.

If you would like additional information on burglary prevention please do not hesitate to contact me at (480) 312-8802 or jglenn@scottsdaleaz.gov.

Playing it Safe on Halloween

Safety Tips for Parents

- When shopping for costumes, wigs and accessories purchase only those with a label indicating they are flame resistant.
- Drive slowly all evening and be on the lookout for pedestrians.
- Report any suspicious or criminal activity to the police department.
- Use flashlights and reflective clothing on costumes.
- Remind kids not to enter a strange house or car.

Calendar of Events

8th Annual G.A.I.N. Night

G.A.I.N. is a statewide annual event designed to unite neighbors and communities to help create safer neighborhoods.

Saturday, Oct. 22, 2005 at your neighborhood

Contact Lisa Cline at (480) 312-7748

District 3 Public Safety Day

Police personnel from District 3 and Target team members will be partnering in a joint Public Safety Day on Saturday, November 5th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. at the Target Store located at 15444 N. Frank Lloyd Wright. Free services include: VIN-etching, bicycle registration, child fingerprinting, child safety seat inspections, police K-9 unit, and recruitment information.

The Scottsdale Police Department



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